

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order (*K. Boccella*)

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| Kerry Boccella | Chair |
| Adrienne Smythe | Vice Chair |
| Nick Matteo | Friends of Hillcrest Pond Representative |
| Robert McGrath | Member |
| Neil DiFranco | Student District School Board Representative |
| Susanna Ratsavong | Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2 |

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| Guests: | Terri Hopkins | Springfield Little League Softball |
| | Matt Hertzog | |
| | Seth Harrison | |
| | Amy Jacoby | Walnut Avenue Steering Committee Member |
| | Tom McGeehan | Springfield Little League Baseball |

2. Approval of Minutes from April (*All*)

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee unanimously approved the April minutes.

3. Agenda Item Public Comment (*All*)

No public comment.

4. Administrative Report (*All*)

No report.

5. Recreation Report (*All*)

No report.

6. Park Report (*E. Baiada*)

- **Bysker Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** No Issues.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** Memorial Trees installed.
- Mr. Lloyd provided construction update. Questions were asked about the pavilion. What is the size? What is the purpose? Will it be available for rent?
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **Mermaid Park:** Memorial Tree installed
- **Sandy Run Park:** Township heard back from DEP regarding the water clarity issue. They believe it was a pH issue that is a common occurrence with quarry ponds/lakes. No further action is required.
- **Veterans Park:** No Issues.
- **Wyndhill Park:** Memorial and Dedication (Arbor Day) Trees installed.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.
- **Walnut Avenue Master Site Plan Committee:** Mr. Lloyd provided an update of the DCNR status.
- **Walnut Trail:** Project is substantially complete. Punchlist items remain/
- **Recreation Center Advisory Committee:** Commissioners awarded design contract.

7. Old Business (*All*)

8. New Business (*All*)

Christina Kerpner spoke on behalf of the newly formed Friends of Mermaid Park group. They plan on attending future meetings to present requests and updates on their activities.

Matt Paul presented that he is not able to meet the 75% resident requirement. However he is putting a plan in place to do so. The committee was open to his request. However, Mr. Paul was informed that he

would need the Board of Commissioners approval. He stated that he would put his plan together, submit his permit application and then present it to the BOC.

9. General Public Comment (*All*)

A comment was made about geese being present at Mermaid Park. Mr. Matteo was asked about the effectiveness of the beacon the Friends of Hillcrest Pond acquired to deter them there. He stated that it was effective, but it took some time.

10. School District Report (*N. DiFranco*)

Mr. DiFranco was unable to attend the meeting.

11. Commissioners' Report (*S. Ratsavong*)

Commissioners Ratsavong provided a summary of the items covered at the Commissioners April Workshop and Business meetings.

12. Call for Adjournment (*K. Boccella 8:28pm*)

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:30 pm